

***North Carolina Wireless 911 Board***  
**TELECONFERENCE MINUTES**  
**March 24, 2005**

**Guest**

Ron Adams (ITS)  
Richard Bradford (DOJ)  
Richard Taylor (ITS)  
Leslie Tripp (ITS)

**Staff Absent**

**Chair's Welcoming Remarks:**

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### **Ethics Awareness/Conflict of Interest Statement:**

Chairman Stoneman read the Conflict Of Interest Statement and asked if anyone had any conflicts. None were cited.

### **Discussion of Agenda Item**

Richard Taylor began by reviewing the changes made to the draft legislation suggested at yesterday's teleconference. Sub-paragraph 62A-22A(e) was deleted, sub-paragraph 62A-23(a) was reworded for clarity, and 62A-22A(c), (d), and (e) were clearly reinserted into the draft document. David Keever and Richard Taylor mentioned speaking about deleting sub-paragraph 62A-22A(g), Richard noting that it would not bother him to delete it, as it serves no useful purpose. Acceptable uses are more clearly addressed in other parts of the statute. Belinda Gurkins moved to delete that sub-paragraph (g), Phillip Penny seconded, and the motion passed.

Chairman Stoneman then asked if there were any outstanding issues remaining with any of this proposed legislation from any Board Member. Belinda Gurkins stated that unless training is dropped, she has gotten clear direction not to support it. Pam Tope stated that her instructions were the same, as did Rick Montgomery.

Chairman Stoneman said that he only saw two options: submit it as is, without the entire Board's support, which he felt was important, or go ahead and take out the training requirement. Belinda Gurkins noted that the train of thought behind her company's position was that if the training is left in and does pass on the wireless side of the house, that would amount to tacit support of training on the landline side of the house. Richard Taylor interjected that he had heard over the last 24 hours that since there is such a distinct difference between training as to how it would be paid for under wireless vs. how it would be paid for under wireline, unless they were identical there probably wouldn't be a lot of support for it.

Pam Tope stated that the issue from her company's perspective is simply the expansion of use of the fund, which might lead to an incremental growth in the cost, which is borne by their subscribers. Belinda echoed that sentiment exactly as being Sprint's concern. Pam added that they are absolutely in favor of the surcharge reduction, but cannot let them both go through together. Belinda reiterated Sprint's position is the same.

Frank Thomason asked Belinda if Sprint's opposition was to training on both sides, wireless and wireline. Belinda replied yes, Sprint is opposed to training, period. Frank asked that if it were worded the same way on both sides, would that possibly make a difference? Pam Tope, noting that she was only speaking from the wireless side, reiterated that Verizon Wireless' was opposed to any expansion that might result in greater cost to its subscriber base. Belinda agreed for Sprint.

Chairman Stoneman then asked that if, hypothetically, that were stricken from the legislation, would anyone have any further issues. Phillip and Frank agreed that they could not support that in their capacities as NENA and APCO representatives. Phillip

said, "if we lose training, we lose it all." They both agreed that from their perspective the surcharge reduction didn't make a difference to them, since PSAP funding would remain essentially the same. Frank noted that he would not be able to support removing training, but recognized that the vote of the board was what would decide the issue, and he would certainly respect that vote. Belinda Gurkins said the same was true for her.

Belinda then cited another Sprint concern about the inclusion of reference to G.S.147-33.92 in 62A-22A(d). Rick agreed. Richard Bradford explained that was inserted by way of clarification, and that if it were removed it would still be implied. He said it was more of a limitation than an authority. Pam Tope asked if it was necessary at all, and Richard replied no. Chairman Stoneman asked if anyone wanted to make a motion to delete it, Pam Tope so moved, Rick Montgomery seconded, and the motion passed.

Chairman Stoneman returned discussion to submitting legislation as is or with reference to training removed. Phillip Penny made a motion to leave training in, Frank Thomason seconded, and a vote was called. Frank and Phillip voted for, David, Rick, Pam, and Belinda voted against. The motion did not pass.

David Keever made a motion to submit the legislation with reference to training removed, Pam Tope seconded, and a vote was called. David, Rick, Pam and Belinda voted for, Frank and Phillip voted against. The motion carried.

Chairman Stoneman asked if there was any additional business. Pam Tope thought 5 votes were necessary to pass, but Richard Bradford noted a simple majority was all that was necessary as long as a quorum was present. Frank asked if we could get written synopses ASAP, and Richard noted that yesterday's minutes were almost ready, waiting for some corrections, but Ron then said that the corrections had been made and the document was waiting in Richard's inbox. Richard then asked Ron to get today's out as quickly as possible.

Phillip Penny noted that he was going to try to contact the APCO and NENA boards today, because he felt they would oppose the legislation without training.

Belinda Gurkins mentioned to Richard Taylor that she was unsure how the NCTIA was going to react to the legislation, that it would be based on how they interpret the final proposal. Richard mentioned that he had good conversation with them yesterday, and he was pretty sure he knew where they were going. Frank asked Richard to share that information, and Richard said that he had been told at the 911 Manager Group meeting he attended that the telcos are supportive of expanded use to include training. The telcos are telling him the complete opposite. He said that they had told him they have always been opposed to any expansion of the use of 911 funds, wireline or wireless. Phillip asked Richard if he had been informed at the 911 Managers meeting that the LECs had agreed to training up to a certain percentage. Richard said that was right, and Phillip agreed that he had understood that, too. Richard added that there is a letter circulating from the NCTIA indicating their complete opposition to using funds for training. Phillip then reiterated that he knew NCNENA would be very unhappy about losing training.

Chairman Stoneman then asked if there was any additional business. With none brought up, he asked for a motion to adjourn. Phillip Penny then asked Richard Taylor if

he understood correctly that if training were stricken from wireless, it would not be supported for wireline. Richard said he really wasn't privy to the wireline decision-making, but that was his understanding. Rick Montgomery then made a motion to adjourn, Frank Thomason seconded, and the meeting was adjourned. Chairman Stoneman thanked everyone, and wished them a good holiday.